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## SIR JAMES PLIMSOLL

Our Patron, Sir James Plimsoll, died suddenly in Office on July 8, 1987.

Sir James honoured us by agreeing to become our Patron early this year. We mourn the passing of a distinguished Australian.

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

by Neville Jetson

I would like to thank my committee for their work for the Society during the current year, especially as I shall have been absent since mid-March.

All members should be grateful to Audrey Hudspeth and her team for producing a journal of such high quality each quarter. I'm sure most members are not aware of the hours of work involved.

During the few weeks I've spent in the UK, I've visited numerous centres where records of genealogical value are housed and have been impressed by the increased participation by local interest groups in many areas. In some cases, these groups are co-operating with Record Offices in sorting, cataloguing, indexing and copying projects with the ultimate aim of making general records accessible more readily to researchers.

In May I shall be attending a week's Irish Origins Congress in Dublin and Kilkenny and any knowledge gained I hope to share with members upon my return.

As the AGM approaches, I would urge members to consider the future of the Society. If you are not happy with the direction it's taking, why not attend the meeting and put forward your suggestions as to how it should proceed. If you think the Society would be better served by a new committee, come and vote accordingly. On the other hand, should you be in favour of what is being done, the committee would be pleased to know.

The message is - the future of the Society is in your hands but only if you exercise your democratic right and speak up for what you believe to be the correct path to follow. Be a front runner, not a back stabber. Successful researching to you all.

### MEMBERS PLEASE NOTE!

If you change your address, please notify Publications Co-ordinator direct who will inform Branch and State Secretaries and Treasurers.



# The Convict System

Compiled by Mrs Maree Ring

A convict in the family? Does it conjure up a picture of your ancestors' harsh existence at Port Arthur? But this settlement did not open until 1830, finally closing in 1877.

I, too, once believed the fallacy that this is where Tasmania's convict arrivals went to serve their time, but now, knowing that there were about 74,000 convicts here between 1803 and 1853, I stop and wonder where they were all housed.

In 1824, when Lt Gov George Arthur came to this colony, almost 50% of the population were convicts. He aimed at gaining for the colony a reputation for machine-like discipline, hoping to deter the criminals in the United Kingdom. He implemented the transportees sentences of hard labour; every convict knowing the reward for good conduct was comfort and freedom, and that bad behaviour incurred punishment, until they succumbed by having offenders sent to lower classes and using punishments such as the bread and water diet, the lash and solitary confinement.

Arthur divided the convicts into seven classes:

Class 1 - Tickets-of-leave were granted at the Lt. Governor's discretion for good behaviour, being withdrawn promptly for bad conduct. This reward freed the men from most restrictions of convicts, permitting them to own property, and work for wages which were often higher than those of the average free man because the ticket was proof of good conduct. Approximately 10% of convicts in the mid-1830's were class 1.

Class 2 - Assigned convicts were given into the care of particular settlers who had to feed and clothe them and in return the convict had to serve the settlers in whatever way the latter determined. These accounted for 50% of convicts in the colony.

Class 3 - Employed on public works by the Government. )  
Class 4 - Those in the road gangs. ) 20%

Class 5 - Those sentenced to hard labour, about 5%.

Class 6 - Men convicted of offences in the colony and sentenced to severe hard labour under rigid surveillance in the penal settlements.

Class 7 - Same as class 6 but had to serve their sentences in chains.

These last two groups comprised about 5%. The remainder of convicts were invalids.

Assignment was the core of the system until 1840 and as two thirds were employed on the development of the Colony, the Government did not have to bear the cost of their upkeep.

On arrival in Hobart Town, a convict ship was visited by the Principal Superintendent of Convicts who opened records of every prisoner aboard and was responsible for the destination and employment of the convicts. These

records were maintained during the term of the convict's sentence and could be referred to within a few minutes. After a few days, the convicts were landed and addressed by the Lt. Governor who explained the elements of the system. They then were moved to the Prisoner's Barracks until their disposal. Any money in their possession was banked on their behalf being repaid at 5% interest on completion of their sentences. Unindexed records July 1838 to December 1853 exist.

The Chief Police Magistrate was a Justice of the Peace who tried offences, authorised the movement of convicts and kept their records. A list of assigned convicts was kept, but in pencil, and with movement, the notation was erased and then again rewritten in pencil, so now it is uncertain to whom many individuals were assigned. Only minor fragments of records with this information have survived.

Women and children were treated differently from men. The boys' station at Point Puer was opened in 1834 to ensure the boys were kept apart from the men and that their reformation and return to society was faster.

Women were divided into three classes: class one, those suitable for assignment; class two, those who had committed minor offences and class three, the crime class, which was the largest category. Those sent to the Female House of Correction also known as the Female Factory, Cascades, South Hobart, as a matter of course had their hair shaved off. Different graduations of punishment included time at the wash-tub, solitary confinement, wearing of an iron collar (abolished by Arthur) and others which varied from period to period. Women did not have to submit to flogging. Many of the convicts were returned to the factory pregnant and had their children there.

Prisoners received sufficient food, had proper medical attention and were hospitalised when necessary.

Religion was believed to have an important part to play in a prisoner's reformation, and Wesleyan missionaries were appointed at Port Arthur. Marriage was found to improve discipline in both men and women convicts and was not discouraged, though permission was needed from the Government. (I have found that though permission may have been granted, the marriage ceremony was not always enacted, presuming that the couple took permission as legality of the union.)

A convict's family could be brought out to join him at Government expense, if he was thought worthy of this indulgence, and the family given a small grant of land. Often a married convict remarried in Tasmania as his prospect of returning to England was limited by his conditional pardon, and

it seems that if the man or woman had been absent in the colony for at least seven years, it was perfectly legal to consider him/herself single again and to choose a second wife or husband.

(English law stated if a couple were parted by water for more than seven years, even if both parties were still alive, each would be free to re-marry and the resulting union would not be bigamous).

When Arthur took office, there was only one penal settlement for class 7 prisoners, and that had opened in 1822 on Sarah Island, Macquarie Harbour, on the west coast (setting for part of Marcus Clarke's "Term of His Natural Life"). In 1825, a second settlement was opened on Maria Is. for class 6 men. Port Arthur followed in 1830 and the two former settlements were closed in 1832 and the men transferred to Port Arthur.

A probation system which began soon after 1842, sent convicts to work on probation stations for a prescribed period, the length depending on the original sentence, to the following scale:

7-10 yrs:	2 yrs probation
10-14 yrs:	2½ yrs "
14-20 yrs:	3 yrs "
20-life:	3 yrs "
Life:	4 yrs "

They were formed into gangs, originally of 250 - 300 men, but later 300-400 men. These gangs were sent to stations in unsettled districts to work on agriculture and roads, and the men were placed in three classes depending on the treatment they were to receive. The chain gangs were class three and lived in separate cells, while class one men were allowed to live in huts with little supervision. Convicts were encouraged to move up through the classes, by their good behaviour. After completion of the probationary period, a convict received a probation pass, then a ticket-of-leave and later a conditional pardon. (Usually conditional that he did not return to the UK). This system collapsed due to several reasons, including the result of a general depression in the colony that meant ticket-of-leave holders often failed to find work and by 1846 3,000 of them were unemployed. Many stations were unprofitable, and the increase in convicts arriving was more than the economy could stand.

Transportation ceased in 1853 but convicts had to complete their sentences.

The last Tasmanian convict is believed to have died in 1918.

All convict records held by the Archives of Tasmania are listed in their

publication "Guide to the Public Records of Tasmania, Section 3, Convict Department". Address: 91 Murray St, Hobart. \*

Other recommended reading:-

1. Historical Survey of the Female Factory Historic Site, Cascades, Hobart, by Tony Rayner. This is a publication of the National Parks and Wildlife Service, Tasmania, Occasional Paper No.3. Address: Magnet Court, Sandy Bay, 7005. \* °
2. Gov Arthur's Convict System, VDL, 1824-1836, by W.O. Forsyth.
3. Port Arthur 1830-1877, by Ian Brand, Jason publications, 31Garden Grove, West Moonah, 7009. \* °

\* Available for purchase from the given addresses.

° Other publications on other penal settlements available.

PLEASE REPLY!!

By Maree Ring

Have you ever been tempted to ignore that letter that had just arrived from another researcher, minus return postage stamp or international reply coupons? Recently, replying to such a letter from New Zealand became a bonus for me.

The families in question came from Cornwall, but they were obviously not related. (Another reason not to reply). However, in answering the letter, I mentioned that my grandfather Ernest, had gone to New Zealand in the early 1900's with his wife and young family, and at the commencement of WW1 enlisted there, being killed at Gallipoli within the first week of the ANZAC landing.

Very soon I had a reply (and an apology for lack of return postage) with news that my correspondent's daughter had, on returning from England, visited Gallipoli and because of the coincidence of her mother's name and that of my grandfather (initial and name alike) had photographed his headstone.

I was delighted to receive this week, just before the commemoration of the 72nd anniversary of the landing at Gallipoli, and of my grandfather's death, a copy of the photograph of his last resting place; something other members of my family have not yet seen.

Something that I would have missed if I had ignored that letter!



9

If convict already married ask if there is record of him/her applying for family to come out. This will give ship name

10

Dont forget to check if more children born after wife's arrival

11

Now you should have a complete record of your convict.



SEARCHING FOR YOUR CONVICT:

A GUIDE FOR THE BEGINNER

8

Check marriage index for date given.

7

Check if convict had permission to marry. If so it may show that wife/husband was also a convict. .... If permission was rec'd you will be given name and date.

6

Check convict indent (from convict ships book) for description, native place (NP) and often family names. .... Description list can also be helpful. See next to indent in convict ships book.

5

From microfilm you will obtain your convict's date of trial, ship and further sentences. .... Places of internment & date of ticket of leave, conditional pardon or free cert.

1

Archives - 10th Floor through Reference Library State Library, Murray St, Hobart.

2

Give convicts name to assistant who will give you a number or the ships name. .... Don't forget to sign the book.

3

Check your convicts no. with convicts ships book which will give you convict record no. = Con ..... Convicts ship book on counter. Ask for assistance as this can be difficult the first time.

4

Write convict record no. on card provided and receive microfilm.

# Book Reviews

ROLL CALL - A GUIDE TO GENEALOGICAL SOURCES IN THE AUSTRALIAN WAR MEMORIAL  
Compiled by Bill Fogarty, Kate Hobbs, Paul MacPherson, Michael Piggott,  
Bronwyn Self and Peter Stanley.

This guide explains what is available for those who wish to trace their ancestors who served in the armed forces, and makes interesting reading with the introduction of 17 case studies taking the reader step by step through what could be a similar case to their own.

Available for \$7.95 from the Australian War Memorial Shop, GPO Box 345, Canberra, ACT, 2601.

LEMON, ANDREW AND MORGAN, MARJORIE: POOR SOULS, THEY PERISHED: The 'Catarqui', Australia's Worst Shipwreck. Hargreen Publishing Co., North Melbourne, 1986. 188 pages.

This book gives an account of how 400 people died when the emigrant ship *Catarqui* was wrecked in Bass Strait in 1845. The authors have made a painstaking study of documents about both the voyage itself and the events before and after it, and as a result they have been able to correct errors contained in earlier versions of the story. Fourteen pages of notes and sources testify to the authors' thoroughness; but, although the book contains many references and quotations, the style is pleasant and readable.

The account of the voyage is interesting in itself; but to people working on their own family histories the book offers more than just a story well told. It is a fine example of genealogy in action. Other books tell how to find and assess information. This one shows what researchers can achieve by doing the things that are recommended.

Amateur researchers will take heart from the book because it shows how much information about obscure and ordinary people can be won from the records available to most genealogists. All it takes is patience, persistence, and a great deal of time. Family historians will also be encouraged to learn that, no matter how experienced researchers might be, there is just no answer to some of their questions. Even the most skilful researchers come to dead ends.

Other books deal better than this one with particular facets of free emigration, but few touch on so many topics of general genealogical interest in such a small space. In addition to the main story, the authors give a useful summary of several facets of emigration to Australia in the 1840's; the Emigration Commissioners and their agents; the bounty system; the management of emigrant ships; the encouragement to emigration given by the operation of the Poor Laws in the British Isles.

The authors also tell their readers a good deal about the discovery and charting of Bass Strait; the early history of King(s) Island; the nature of the Port Phillip settlement and its relationships with Sydney; and the way the bureaucracy worked at the time.

Each of the topics mentioned above is dealt with briefly but effectively. There are more than fifty maps and halftone illustrations and a full index. The appendix contains detailed lists of the ship's passengers and crew. The authors' real triumph is their reconstruction of the faulty and inconsistent lists made soon after the wreck.

HUGH CAMPBELL

THE FORGOTTEN GENERATION OF NORFOLK ISLAND AND V.D.L. by Reg Wright.  
Library of Australian History, Sydney, 1985. 17 Mitchell St, N. Sydney,  
NSW. pp204 . Price \$22.25

We in Tasmania can be grateful to Reg Wright for the years he has laboured to produce this book. It gives a clear picture of the beginning of both the administration and individuals on Norfolk Island from 1788-1813. Population, Land Settlements and Employment are covered in depth during this period in easy to follow tables. Many of the settlers on Norfolk Is. were one time Soldiers and Convicts (men and women) with a small number of Free Arrivals. Many had arrived on the 1st, 2nd and 3rd fleets. From 1806-1813, a large number of these were brought to VDL by ship and the author has listed each family by name under the appropriate ship. Genealogists and researchers alike will appreciate the easy accessibility to the 1805 Norfolk Is Muster and the 1818 Hobart Muster (no more strained eyes from searching fading hand written lists.)

It is not, however, only valuable as a reference; it is also delightful reading for those interested in Norfolk Is., the early days at the Derwent, convicts and ships.

IRENE SCHAFFER

**GENEALOGICAL RESEARCH IN VICTORIA  
REASONABLE RATES**

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Elsternwick, 3185  
Victoria.

## INDEXING OF TASMANIAN DEATH RECORDS

The Society has, over a long period, collected many records. The largest and one of the most important of these are the records of monumental stones in graveyards. Another is the collection of newspaper advertisements. It is time we used computers to index these and place them on microfiche.

Mr Willy Scott, with the assistance of a friendly computer programmer, has devised a program to do just that. The program is fairly flexible and can easily be adjusted. It consists of up to two lines and includes: Name of person, husband or wife, date of death, age or date of birth, a reference number, a remarks area (used in most cases to refer to another name on the same stone or advertisement), a space for 'kin' (relatives). It cannot be quite as complete as the card index, but it will be a lot easier to use and to duplicate. It will also be possible to utilize this program in the VOL Index.

The first program is made on an IBM computer, but it is expected that it will be possible to adapt it for other computers. More work is needed for this however.

It is proposed that this index should include at least the following:  
\* all cemetery records \* advertisements from Tasmanian newspapers \*any other records of similar nature.

It will be a record of all persons deceased in Tasmania or whose death has been of sufficient importance to Tasmanians to advertise or include in inscriptions.

We have a number of members and friends who own or have access to computers whom we should ask to participate in this program. Once the information is collected, it is possible to place this on microfiche. There are at least three ways we can do this:

1. We can pay someone to do it commercially
2. It may be possible to have it done by some organisation in Tasmania, perhaps the University
3. The Genealogical Society of Utah will do it free of charge; they will even do it from printouts if we do not manage to make all our computers compatible with each other.

It is not possible to predict how long it will take to complete, but it cannot be completed until all the cemetery records have been collected. Apparently that work is close to completion.

A word of advice to people planning to buy a computer. An IBM compatible will make it easier to participate in the indexing program. Likewise there

is more and cheaper software available for IBM than any other computer.

For more information contact Mr Villy Scott on 002-49 3970.

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#### LEE FAMILY REUNION

On May 14, 1827, William LEE and Mary EAST were married in the Geddington Church of England, Northampton, England. They left immediately for Tasmania on the ship 'Orelia' arriving in Hobart Town on October 6, 1827. William and Mary travelled to Cressy on a bullock dray. William worked at Panshanger and Richmond Hill and subsequently purchased 'Creekside' where he farmed. They had five sons and five daughters:

Eliza	married	Henry GURR
Alice	did not marry	
Samuel	m	Agnes THOMPSON
William	m	Violet THOMPSON
George	m	Mary Ann SMITH
Charles	m	May OLIVER
John	m	Matilda BURTON
Charlotte	m	Frederick BURTON
Elizabeth	m	John BURTON
Mary	m	Charles TITMUS

On Sunday October 4, 1987, a reunion will be held for the descendants of William and Mary LEE in the grounds of the Cressy District High School commencing 10.30 am. The occasion will be a BYO everything, with the school buildings (in particular the Home Economics Dept) being available.

Further details may be obtained from Ross Buckley on 003-522 477 or 003-523 174.

#### REYNOLDS FAMILY

In February, the descendants of David and Mary REYNOLDS gathered to celebrate 170 th anniversary of their marriage. Family members numbered 280, being from all parts of Tasmania and some from Victoria and NSW. All family branches were represented.

David Reynolds arrived in Tasmania in 1813 and went to work for Daniel and Alice Stanfield at Green Point (nr Bridgewater). He married their daughter Mary Ann in 1816 and they settled at Pontville. They had five children and David drowned on the Derwent River ferrying farm produce to Hobart Town in 1834, aged 40.



## Members' Queries

WILLIAMS: Eliza (alias Mary CONNOR). Tried Old Bailey 1833. Arrived Hobart per 'Edward' (3) 1834. Son George Williams (b 1833 (?) London) was discharged from the Orphan School, Hobart 1847 to the care of his mother, then 'free'. Anyone researching this family please contact Mrs Judith MacLeod, 20 Canford Crt, 6 King St, Turramurra, NSW. 2074.

PARKER:DALE: Sarah Dale and child arr Hobart 1832 per 'Thomas Laurie' with her parents Mr and Mrs Parker, sister Miss Parker and brother Mr J. Parker (who could be Jabez Parker who m Elizabeth MORRIS 1836 Hobart.) Sarah m Matthew ROBINSON 1837 at Hamilton and he was Council Clerk at Bothwell 1840-1880.

Any information re Dale child and identification of Parker family will be much appreciated. All letters answered. Mr D.H. Johnston, "Highbrae", Westwood, Tas. 7257.

MELNHAM COLLEGE REGISTER Vol 1, 1871-1923. Compiled by A.B.White, Cambridge 1863 (?) and CROCKFORD'S LANDED GENTRY are not in the Reference Section of the State Library, Hobart. Is there anywhere in Tasmania these books can be found please? A.H. Johnson, 12 Janor St, Riverside, Tas. 7250.

HEENEY, John and wife Margaret (KENAR) of Gardiner's Bay in Pt Cygnet area, Tas, in the 1870's. Searching for any information. D. Scolyer, 7 Myrtle Crt, Mt Nelson, Tas. 7007.

McCORMACK, Michael m Mary LARKIN, Melbourne, 1884. Issue: James Ignatius (b 1885), Annie Geraldine (b 1888), Michael Francis (b 1890), Patrick John (b 1892) and Mary Alice (b 1894). I would like to contact any descendants. Miss T. Larkin, 114 Oberon St, Randwick, NSW. 2031.

1. MAYNE, James m Letitia WARD, Richmond, Tas, 1883. Issue: Ubipp (b 1883) Mary (b 1885), Violet Warmeter (b 1886), Anna (or Hannah) (b 1888) (m KRINGLE), Andrew (b 1890), Jessie (b 1891). James' mother was Jessie MAYNE, sisters Emily and Charlotte.
2. WARD, Letitia (b 1858). Parents Thomas and Isabella (nee WARD) a convict. Lived Richmond, Oatlands areas. Sister Isabella (b 1856) Isabella was also known as Johnston in 1874. Any information at all. Mrs Jackie Broune, 90 Bird St, Burnie, Tas. Ph 004-316200.

ARCHER, William, 1820-1874 (son of Thomas ARCHER, "Woolmers"), m Ann HORTLE 1846, Longford. Info please re their children Lillias Ruth, Alice, William Lyttleton, Walter Kermode, Kate, Francis Hooker, Edith Annie, Herbert Davies, Rose, Ernest Lindley, Herbert Stackhouse. Mrs M. Thomason, 7/15 Junction Rd, Clayfield, Qld. 4011

## QUERIES

1. WILKES, Henry (b 1797 Birmingham, UK), d 1851 Hobart Town. Convicted Warwick 1818, transported Hibernia 1819. Md Maria LYNCH (b 1799, d 1848) Green Ponds, Tas, in 1830. Henry well-known businessman. Issue: Matthew Henry, John Rogers, Frances Ambrose, Charlotte.
2. WILKES, Matthew Henry (publican, where? when?) m Esther Artinstall RAYNER (nee DIXON). Issue: Henry b1850, Charles William (b1853, d1890 Melbourne), Matthew (b&d1854), Mary (b1862), Emma Henrietta Artinstall (b1865, m1889 Melbourne, d1916 Melbourne). When did she move to Melb?

Descendants please contact Mrs V. Butler, 1 Coady Crt, Vermont, Vic. 3133.

MARSHALL known in the Circular Head district in the 1860's. Could possibly have some connection with a Captain Marshall of the ship "Gloucester" who lost his life in 1852/3 I think on his way to/ex Port Phillip. Also could have some connection with the shipping firm Marshall & Eldridge of 34 Fenchurch St, London. Mrs L. Tocher, 11 Coranto St, FIVE DOCK, NSW, 2046.

### 1. CLARKE:SMITH:CURRAN.

Elizabeth, dtr of Mary HEEPS and William CLARKE m John Thomas SMITH (storekeeper at Hobart Gaol), son of John SMITH, Melville St, Hobart, 1858 in Hobart. Known issue: Edgar Eugene Smith (b 1862) and Mabel Blanche Curran Smith (b 1877).

### 2. CLARKE:McNEIL

Descendants of Alice CLARKE (d 1916) and Andrew McNEIL (d 1916) please contact me. Alice was the dtr of Mary HEEPS and William CLARKE.

Mrs Helen Moore, 327 Gray St, Hamilton, Vic. 3300.

GREER, Eric Reginald. Son of Robert and Emma Rachel (nee WISE). Supposed to have been at school in Launceston 1908-1912. Parents d 1940's, place unknown. Any information appreciated. Helen Harris, 20 Abelia St, Nuna-wading, 3131.

MACDONALD: Roderick and Ann (nee MACDONALD) m Bracadale, Isle of Skye 1804. Arrived VDL 1820 on ship "Skelton" with MAC LEODS of Talisker and Donald CAMERON. Sons: Alan, Hector and Hugh. Dtrs Euphemia, Catherine, Mary, Marion, Margaret, Anne and Jane. Any information to W.L. Hammond, 71 Riverside Dr, Launceston, 7250. Ph 003- 27 3240

PERKINS: A register of all Perkins names for Tasmania is currently being compiled. Anyone with information on this surname or requiring any information on same, please contact Bill or Bev Perkins, 33 Faulkner Rd, Launceston . Ph 003 - 39 1270.

## QUERIES

DRIVERS, Christopher. A convict, stole three geese prior to Christmas 1822. Died at Barton, Tas, 1838. I wish to exchange information with descendants. Mr David Scott, 'Timbertops', 38 Brocks Hill Drive, Leicestershire, Eng. LE2 5RD.

CULLEN: Anyone with information on Bridgett Cullen who m Richard PORTER also Michael Cullen and John and Elizabeth CURTIS who lived in the Georgetown/Lefroy areas.

Mrs Marlene Arnold, 32 Brooklyn Rd, Youngtown, Tas. Ph 447885.

1. BRADLEY: Seeking info on my grandfather (b1893) Hobart, m Catherine (nee KEEFE) and George William BRADLEY. Info on Bradleys, Hobart, and Keefes of Cressy please.
2. KEEFE, Catherine (b1862) Cressy? perhaps Victorian goldfields m.1 George William BRADLEY, m.2 ? MACLAUGHLIN, m.3 William DITCHUM.
3. MACQUEEN, John Ross (convict) arr 1844 from Aberdeen, Scot. His brother David (convict) arr 1837.
4. GIRVAN, Catherine (free) widow m William LUCAS (convict) in 1841 at Sorell. MANN may have been Catherine's previous surname.
5. BROOKS, Joseph (convict arr 1847 from Hereford) and Matilda (nee MORLEY). Harriet BROOKS b1881 m Herbert McPHERSON. Their children Lorna and Emma (b1810 Hobart). Where are their descendants?

Seeking information on any of the above. All replies answered. Mrs Bev Hossack, 7 Corella Cres., Peregrin Beach, Qld, 4573.

## **SCOTTISH HISTORICAL RECORDS**

Especially Perthshire, Kinross, Forfar,  
Angus and Fyfe

**RA and PG FENWICK,**  
Lethangie Wing, Kinross, KY13 7EY, Scotland.

THE AUSTRALIAN BICENTENNIAL  
HISTORIC RECORDS SEARCH

This is a major heritage project funded by the Australian Bicentennial Authority and conducted with the support of the National Library of Australia.

It is a nation-wide search for historically significant, paper-based records held in private hands.

The aim of the Historic Records Search is to locate and list the existence of records such as photographs, diaries, letters, ledger-books, minute books, old postcards, newspapers, maps and plans. The Search will not collect this material, but will simply record it so that researchers know it exists. Descriptions of the records will be fed into a computer in Canberra to create a National Register which will be then available in libraries throughout Australia.

Thirty Field Officers for the Historic Records Search were recently appointed throughout Australia. Tasmania has three Field Officers: Ms Christine Milne in Devonport, Ms Miranda Morris-Nunn in Launceston, and Ms Dianne Snowden in Hobart. Ms Snowden is the only full time Officer and will cover Southern Tasmania and the West Coast. She can be contacted at the State Library in Hobart on 002-307528 or 30 7484 (message).

Further Information

The Search will seek to maintain a balance between identification of the contents of the records and the rights owners have to maintain their own privacy. Owners may, if they wish, withhold their names and addresses from the Register. Researchers will have access to the Register through major libraries and archives.

What will the Search register?

Family papers; minute books, financial records and correspondence in the case of small businesses; printed materials that have not found their way into public collections.

A series of courtship letters written in the 1880's or even the 1960's might offer a valuable insight into social attitudes of the day. Letters or diaries written by soldier settlers can enrich our understanding of Australian land settlement. An immigrant's letter of the 1950's can tell historians something about the experience of migration and the problems of life in a new country. Though state libraries and museums hold examples of such material, much more remains out of reach in private ownership.

You can ask for information on how to care for your records.

# The Catherine Colleens

(Article follows)

"CATHERINE" Convicts at V.D.L. ex "KANGAROO", September 1814

Name	Tried	Married	To	Where	Died	1821/22 Muster
A'HEEN Honor	CORK	21.02.15	George LOWE	Derwent		Derwent
BALDWIN Margaret	CORK				09.12.14 Hobart	Derwent
BARNES Elizabeth	DUBLIN	17.01.15	Charles ROUTLEY	Pittwater		Derwent
BOYLAN Mary	DUBLIN	30.07.16	William CLARKE	Derwent		
BRADE Susan or BRIEN	DUBLIN		P. McCARTY	Derwent		
BRENNAN Mary or Anne	DUBLIN		Samuel BAKER	Port Dalrymple		
BYRNE ANNE	DUBLIN	10.01.15	Patrick FRANE	Derwent		
CARROLL ANNE	AMARGH	04.10.14	Denis GAREY	Jericho		Derwent
CARTER Mary	DUBLIN					Derwent
CLARKE Mary FERNS	DUBLIN					
COCHRAN Catherine	DUBLIN					Derwent
CURLLY Mary	DUBLIN	24.10.14	Charles DONN	Derwent		
DUFF Mary Ann	DUBLIN	09.01.15	John AVERY	Derwent		Derwent
EDELL Mary Anne	KILKENNY	17.06.16	William EAST	Derwent		
FITZGERALD Mary	LIMERICK					
FEARNE Anne	TYRONE	26.12.14	William BAKER	Derwent		Derwent
GERAN Catherine	LIMERICK	12.06.15	William NEWMAN	Derwent	15.07.52 Glenorchy	Derwent
GRIFFEN Teresa	DUBLIN				12.03.16 Hobart	
HAMILTON Elinor	DUBLIN	05.06.15	William NEWTON	Derwent	13.03.17 Hobart	
HARD BRIDGET	AMARGH					
HARDON Mary	LOUTH					Port Dalrymple
HICKEY Ellen	CORK	26.12.14	Willm. WIDDERSON	Derwent		Derwent
HUGHES Alice	ARMAGH	24.10.14	Joseph DUNSTON	Derwent		Derwent
HUTCHINSON Elizabeth	TYRONE	04.10.14	Edward BURGESS	Derwent		
HYNDS Mary, or CARNEY	DUBLIN				21.08.21 Newcastle	
JOHNSTON Eleanor	DUBLIN	26.12.14	Joseph KEEP	Derwent		Derwent
JONES Anne	DUBLIN	05.01.15	William HAND	Derwent		
KOPE BRIDGET	KILDARE		Patrick LANGTON	Port Dalrymple		Port Dalrymple
KELLY Jane	DUBLIN					
KAVANAGH Mary (2nd)	DUBLIN					
KELLY Catherine	DUBLIN					
KELLY Margaret	DUBLIN					
KIRK Catherine	DUBLIN				10.03.18 Hobart	
LOFTUS Catherine	DUBLIN	28.05.20	Zach SPONSFORD	Hobart		Derwent
LYNCH Catherine	LIMERICK		(SHAW ??)	Port Dalrymple		Port Dal. ??
MAGUIRE Eleanor	DUBLIN	17.10.14	Willm. ANDERSON	Derwent		Derwent
M. DERMOTT Anne	DUBLIN				19.06.18 Hobart	
MOORE Anne	DUBLIN					
MORAN Mary Anne	DUBLIN		Richard TROY	Derwent		Derwent
MURPHY Alice	DUBLIN	18.11.16	James MORRISBY	Derwent		
MURPHY Mary	CORK					
MURRAY Jane	DUBLIN	06.11.16	James WALTHORN	Derwent		
MURLE Isabella	LEFFORD	20.06.15	Thomas BOYLE	Derwent		Derwent
O'BRIEN Catherine	AMARGH	19.10.14	William HARTY	Derwent		Derwent
O'NEAF Mary	DONN	24.06.16	Isaac MARGOTT	Derwent		
POWER Mary	DUBLIN		Neil LANGAN	Port Dalrymple		
QUINN Elinor or RYDER	WICKLOW	26.12.14	Thomas NEEHAN	Derwent		Derwent
QUINN Jane	DUBLIN	04.10.14	Joseph MARTIN	Derwent		Derwent
QUINN Margaret	MAYO				09.10.14 Hobart	
READ Elizabeth	DUBLIN		Thomas MAXEY	Port Dalrymple		Port Dalrymple
ROBE Anne	DUBLIN					
SCOTT Sarah	MONAGHAN					
SHERIDAN Rose	LONGFORD	21.07.16	Joseph BOIRNEY	Derwent		
SMITH Anne	DUBLIN					
SMITH Elizabeth	DUBLIN	06.11.14	Joseph JOHSON	Derwent		Derwent
STEWART Jane	KILKENNY					
THORNTON Ellen	GALWAY					
WHEELER Jane	CORK	09.01.15	James BROWN	Derwent		Derwent
"CATHERINE" Convicts at V.D.L. who did not arrive at the Derwent on "KANGAROO" in Sept. 1814						
EGAN Catherine	DUBLIN	29.06.18	John HUNT	Derwent		Derwent
NEWPORT Ann	DUBLIN		Thomas MORRIS	Derwent		Derwent
Convicts on "KANGAROO", September 1814, but not from "CATHERINE"						
GREEN Mary	NOTTINGHAM		Jno Silas STOCKER	Port Dalrymple		
CAVANAGH Mary or DOGHERTY (with a child)	DUBLIN					



## THE CATHERINE COLLEENS

by Reg Wright

Although no convict transport carrying reluctant female immigrants was directed to VDL until 1820, between 1814 and 1818 some 350 convict women were transferred from Sydney to the Derwent. Perhaps the most interesting of these transfers, was that of the 60 women who reached Hobart in September 1814 aboard the Navy ship HMS Kangaroo. Governor Macquarie had toured VDL in 1811 and noted the unhealthy imbalance of the sexes on the Island. The arrival of Catherine at Port Jackson in May 1814 with 97 Irish convict women, provided Macquarie with the opportunity to improve the position; he directed that 60 of the women be carried southwards on Kangaroo with 40 assigned to settlers at the Derwent and 20 to Port Dalrymple.

The improbable story of the wanderings of the Kangaroo along the Australian and Tasmanian coastline between May and her eventual arrival at the Derwent in September, would require a much longer narrative; however it seems that three of the 60 passengers ex Catherine were in poor health and had to be discharged ashore at Port Jackson in August when, after an absence of 67 days during which it had not reached the Derwent, Kangaroo made a surprise return from Port Stephens on the north coast of NSW. The sickly women were replaced by another Sydney based colleen from Catherine and two other convict women. Kangaroo was quickly turned round and again directed southwards to the Derwent, and arrived 15 September. The 19 unfortunate women who were later sent on to Port Dalrymple aboard Kangaroo, were not rowed ashore until 5 November 1814, and had thus spent more time travelling from Sydney to their destination than on their journey from Falmouth to Port Jackson.

There are a number of contradictory and confusing records covering the women from Catherine. The official indent, at COD 140, is complemented by an Irish indent, Reel AL 2419, at the NSW Archives, but although the order of listing, the sentence, and spelling of names is identical, the ages differ remarkably on these two records. The indent at the Tasmanian Archives of Catherine convicts consigned to Kangaroo, 24 May 1814, for transfer to the Derwent, was obviously prepared from a duplicate of the Irish indent. Governor Macquarie's secretary, Thomas Campbell, also found it necessary to prepare his own indent of Catherine passengers at Sydney, 6 May 1814, and apparently relied on the women to correctly name themselves and nominate their sentence and trial date. Not surprisingly, this record at the Mitchell Library has a dearth of women with life sentences; however, although the names, spellings and trial dates also differ markedly from those in the official indents, Campbell's corrupted information continued to be used in many of the later NSW convict records, including the Alphabetic Listings of Convicts in NSW appearing on PRO reels 60, 61, 65 of the A.J.C.P.

In 1815, Earl Bathurst requested that Macquarie provide him with annual

Alphabetic Returns of convicts, with their status, so that relatives in Britain could be informed of the whereabouts and circumstances of errant family members. In March 1816, Macquarie confirmed that these annual returns would be provided but pointed out that it was a lot of trouble, and that although a clerk had been occupied on the task for three months, the first return was far from complete. Earl Bathurst could hardly have envisaged the manner in which descendants of these deported people would eagerly peruse the Alphabetical Listings of Convicts some 160 years later. Unfortunately it seems that in subsequent returns, numerous short cuts were taken to speed up the onerous task of preparing this report. There is evidence that a report for a new year was prepared by copying from a previous year, and that old indecipherable pages were simply omitted from the new record; perhaps in the transposition process a line or two was missed, and thus in the new report a convict could obtain a new but erroneous history. Although the Alphabetic Returns obviously do provide useful data about many people, the information presented for a large number of Catherine convicts, particularly those who had disappeared to VDL, could not have been reported to the compilers, and therefore causes records from this source to be severely discounted.

The attachment shows information gleaned from various Tasmanian sources, for Catherine women who reached VDL. Some 36 identifiable women were married in VDL while a further 5 were buried at the Derwent within a few years of their arrival. Other Catherine women who were married under names of Mary Lewis, Mary Dignum, Johanna Bryan and Mary Hatcher have not yet been identified. At various times between 1816-21, practically all the identifiable Tasmanian colleens appear in the Alphabetical Listings as residents of districts around Sydney, usually with strange husbands, even though Rev Knopwood may have buried some individuals in earlier years, or the Derwent Muster of 1822 confirmed the continued residence of others in the Southern Colony. The Listings of NSW convicts apparently appear to contain a great deal of erroneous information for women from Catherine.

The search for the women of Catherine continues; however, the writer would like to hear from any Catherine descendants who could help pinpoint the four unidentified wives mentioned above, or who might know of legends of events during the extended voyage of the Kangaroo to Hobart.

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## LAUNCESTON

The AGM was held on 28 April 1987.

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Library Hours: Tues 10-2, Wed 12-2 and 7-9pm, Sat 1.30-4pm

Meetings are held at Kings Meadows High School on the first Tuesday in each month.

### Proposed Programme:

June 2 Workshop

July 7 N. Jetson overseas tour

Aug 4 Tom Lello overseas tour

Sept 1 1988 Congress Papers. Karlene Nagle

Oct 6 Frances Travers - Irish research

### Extracts from Chairman's Report April 1987

Membership of the branch has continued its strong upward trend with perhaps last year being our best ever. It is good to see all state branches had similar growth - a sign of a healthy, progressive society. In spite of some heavy spending during the year, our financial position is at its strongest ever, and this augurs well for the future. This is mainly due to the fund raising activities by the committee convened by Bev Perkins. Close to \$3,000 was raised and shows what can be done when the effort is made. Our thanks and congratulations to Bev and her committee.

Having established that we do not have to pay import duty should we buy the St Catherine's House Birth Indexes 1837 forwards, it is certain this year will see the introduction of these records to the Library. Our present premises are not large enough to cope with a massive increase in use by members and general public brought about by having these records. We hope the 1987 State Annual Meeting to be held in Launceston this year will be a great success. It will be an entirely new format spread over two days. Your attendance for all or part of the weekend will do you and the Society a great service.

Launceston has also been chosen to host the 1991 Congress of Australian Family History Societies which is indeed a great honour. Members from all parts of Australia and overseas will be attending and cooperation from all Tasmanian members is sought to make this a feather in the cap for the

State.

John Grunnell

Extracts from Library Report

This has been a tremendous year for the library. From our modest beginnings at CarrVilla we finally moved into our new and larger premises in Patterson St on a wet day in June, but the sun has shone for us ever since. We have grown and will continue to grow, thanks to the efforts of members.

We have extended opening hours:-

Tues: 10am - 2pm

Wed: 12pm - 2pm and 7-9pm

Sat: 2pm - 4pm

All sessions being well supported by both members and visitors.

Our holdings have greatly expanded with the addition of the following microfiche: New Zealand pre 1901 Death and Marriage Indexes, NSW Convict Indexes 1984, Scandanavian IGI 1981, European IGI and 1984 UK and Misc IGI. There are 82 new books, many donated, and journals, family notes etc have also been donated.

We currently have on order with the Victorian Government Statist, the Death & Marriage indexes for 1897-1914 and letters have been sent to other states enquiring about new releases of these indexes. The St Catherines House index project is well under way, with the aim of purchasing microfilm indexes of English Birth, Death and Marriage post 1867. It is our hope that during the next year we will see some of these indexes in our library.

Church and Cemetery records have continued to be carded and added to our files. Carr Villa records have filled nearly one drawer of the cabinet and our thanks go to Mr Kennedy at Carr Villa for allowing us to copy them. Carr Villa records are a great asset and these records will be bound into books. Cypress St Cemetery book has been another valuable asset. It was purchased by state, and compiled after 10 years research by Pat Hinds. Our library books are in the process of being colour coded for ease of selection, and when completed, you will pick the subject and find the correct colour code. A new library list book is also being prepared which will list everything available in our library and where to find it. This will include the book colour code index.

Janine Wilson, Ag Librarian.

The Examiner Index Project has proved a great success, 1900-1920 being completed and bound in 2 volumes with over 100 copies of each being sold. Only a few copies of Vol 1 are now in stock. The transcribing has begun on the next volume in the hope it will be complete for 1988.



## HUON

On 13 April, our AGM was held. Elections for office bearers were held and are as follows:-

Chairman : Karen Marriot (002-660290)

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Secretary: Shirley Fletcher

Treasurer: Elaine Burton

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We look forward to increasing the research facilities in our library with the acquisition of the microfilm of the RG's records of Births, Deaths and Marriages pre 1900.

A very welcome grant from the Bicentennial project has enabled us to purchase these valuable records, and we are anticipating an increase in the number of people using the library in the future. This may lead to a review of our opening hours.

We have a varied programme of guest speakers planned for the rest of the year, including Mrs Jean Cockerill, who will speak on the history of Cygnet and Mrs Debbie Carmichael from Glen Huon who will speak on the role of pioneer women.

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Meetings are held on the last Thursday of the month, at the East Devonport Primary School, commencing at 8pm.

New Library hours are from 1pm - 4pm each Wednesday and Friday.  
Tamiot, Research and Librarian to be elected from committee.

Debbie Sims

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### PLEASE NOTE:

The Society Library (Bellerive) will remain open until 7.30pm on meeting nights (ie 3rd Tuesday of each month.)

TAMIOT transcriptions during the year are as follows:

Cemeteries

Cypress St, Launceston, 1851-1926

Kimberley

Prospect Congregational

Dilston headstones - now removed to 31 Lawrence St, L'ton

St Albans Church, Pipers River

Carr Villa, section A12

" " sections A-A11 B.C.D. held by P.Hinds

Conara Anglican Update

Avoca Catholic

Deloraine Catholic - from the microfiche

Nile - update

Treganna at Cape Portland

Cradle Mountain

Quarantine Station L'ton

Plan of St Andrews Presbyterian

Plan of Methodist Cem Kindred

War Memorials

Ross	Sheffield	Latrobe	1914-18 St Marks Anglican
Oatlands	Beaconsfield	Perth	Church Deloraine

Roll of Honour

Longford Hall

Isolated graves

Ormsley Mienna

Burial Plaques

Foyer L'ton General Hospital

St Vincents Hosp L'ton

Church of St Thomas, Avoca

St Mary Magdalene, Georgetown

Christ Church, Low Head

Historical Plaques

Boucher Memorial Park, Avoca

Lake Barrington

Stanley RSL Park

Penguin Memorial Park

Beaconsfield Miners Cottage

Bradys Lake

Given to L'ton Branch by Huon Branch

St James Ranelagh

Ranelagh Catholic & Anglican Cemeteries

Judbury Cemetery

Huonville Roll of Honour

Glen Huon Uniting Cemetery

Lucaston Honour Roll

Ranelagh State School Honour Roll

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Devonport Cemetery

Balfour Cemetery

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Campania Cemetery

St James Anglican, Colebrook, Cemetery

Richmond Catholic

Tunnack Catholic

Kempton Baptist

Oatlands Old Anglican

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1991 CONGRESS FOR AUSTRALASIA

At the February meeting of the State Executive of GST, the application by Launceston Branch to host the 1991 Congress was accepted. Pat Harris was appointed Congress Secretary and \$1,000 was allocated for expenses. As it is hoped that the whole of our Society will be involved, each Branch was asked to submit the name of a representative at the next meeting in May. This small committee will be expanded as it becomes necessary.

Suggestions would be appreciated for a 'Theme' for the Congress. 1991 seems a long way off, but we need to take advantage of having so much notice, to plan the best Congress possible. This will be one of our best opportunities to promote Genealogy as a hobby, our GST and Tasmania.

TASMANIANS MENTIONED IN THE  
VICTORIA POLICE GAZETTE 1855

30.3.1855      FREEMAN - William.

Formerly a soldier in 96th Regt., discharged at Launceston, VDL, and afterwards employed as a bullock driver at Kapunda in the province of S.A. from which place he started about 18 months since, to proceed to the McIvor Gold fields. Information respecting him is requested at the Col. Secretary's Office, Melbourne.

24.8.1855      MACKAY - Charles Frederick.

Transported to VDL in 1820 per 'Indiana', 14 years. Tried again 1832, 14 yrs. Free in 1846, left VDL for adjoining colonies. 'There is some money locked up pending his discovery'. Native of Birmingham, aged 63.

21.11.1855      GILCHRIST - John.

Aged about 47 yrs, who left Jerusalem in VDL about 18 months since for this Colony, is informed that his wife and children have arrived by the 'Donald Mackay' (from the UK).

MACKAY - Charles Frederick.

About 63, formerly of Birmingham, by trade tinman, who left VDL for this Colony or one of the adjacent colonies in 1846 or 47, is requested to apply to this office in reference to some property to which he is entitled. If deceased, information as to his decease is requested.

ROBINSON - Ezra (son of John now of Stockport, England)

Sailed for VDL in 1831/2 and was last heard of as being at Brook Field, William River, NSW. This enquiry is made on behalf of his family.

22.11.1855      GLEN - William.

Sailed from the Isle of Wight on 13.10.1852 in the 'Oriental Queen' for VDL is enquired for on behalf of his relatives resident at Dalkeith, Scotland.

29.11.1855      LEAHY - James.

Deserted on 26th ult from 99th Regt. of Foot, at Hobart Town, 2330 Pvte James Leahy, aged 27. Irish.

13.12.1855      EDWARDS - William.

Commonly called George Edwards, carpenter. Native of Devonshire, formerly resident at Bristol, England. He lived for some time in Campbell Town nr Elizabeth River, VDL, and is supposed to have emigrated to this colony.

2.2.1855      GARCIA - John.

Arrived Hobart Oct 1843, no ship given.

QUINN - Thomas alias Thomas FAHEY.

Arrived VDL 'Cadet' 2.

16.2.1855 SMITH - Henry Sydney alias John & Henry Smith.  
Illegally at large, recently carrying on business at Beechworth, arrived  
VDL per 'William Miles'.

25.5.1855 MAHER - James.  
Supposed to be a convict from VDL, charged with murder of Geo. Pitts at  
Mt Blackwood diggings.

20.7.1855 BRIAN - John.  
Alias Henry COX. Arrived by 'Bangalore', no date given.

HAMPTON - Thomas.

Arrived in 1833 per 'Moffatt'

McKENNA - Francis.

Arrived in 1845 per 'Ratcliff'

HARRISON - William.

Arrived per 'Cressy' no date given

WILSON - Joseph.

Alias Partridge. Arrived 1843 per 'Lord Petrie'.

McFADDEN - Michael.

Arrived in 1843 per 'Orator'

10.8.1855 WOODS - Charles.

Expiree from VDL aged 40.

24.8.1855 SMITH - John alias GRANT.

Native of London arrived 1842 per 'Susan'

JONES - William.

Arrived 1840 per 'Runnymede', native of Wolverhampton. Alias William  
JOHNSTON called Andy Johnston.

WHITE - George.

Native of Dorsetshire. Arrived 1831 per 'Strathfield Saye'

ALLEN - Henry.

Native of Taunton per 'Lord Lyndoch' no date given.

CAIN - George.

Native of Notts., per 'Francis Charlotte' 1847.

GORMAN - James.

Native of London per 'Emily' in 1841.

7.9.1855 GOODGANE - Josiah (see 1854 entry).

Not drowned, apprehended in Sydney, NSW.

WALSH - William.

Born 1829, Dublin. Arrived 1842 per 'Isabella Watson'.

21.9.1855 GOUGH - William.

Arrived 1844 per 'Barossa'

SMITH - George/James

Born 1828. Arrived 'William Jardine' no date

GIBSON - William.

Per 'Elphinstone'. No date.



DAVIS - John alias Dubber Davis.

Arrived 1842 per 'Tortoise'.

19.10.1855 YOUNG - Thomas Per 'Navarino' 1849, free.

HEATH - David Per 'Somerset' 1841.

COLLINS - James Per 'Mary' 1840.

26.10.1855 QUINN - John Per 'Sir Robert Peel' 1844.

22.11.1855 FLANAGAN - Michael.

Born 1811. Arrived 'Samuel Boddington' no date.

SMITH - John .

Born 1813 arrived 1830 'Prince Regent'.

WADDINGHAM - Edward Wright.

Native of Launceston born 1829.

29.11.1855 JACKSON - James.

Native of London born 1814, arrived 1843 'Cressy'.

6.12.1855 MARSHALL - James alias Alex SMITH.

Tried Melb 28.3.1853, illegally at large from Tasmania, sentence 3 yrs.

Discharged from Penal Dept, Melb.

20.12.1855 BRYER - George.

Native of Liverpool, born 1823, arrived 1845 per 'Joseph Soames'.

27.12.1855 JONAS - John.

Born 1816 Bath, arrived 'Joseph Soames' no date.

31.1.1861 WELLS - Henry.

Charged on warrant with having on 3rd inst, stolen from the Union Hotel, Launceston, VDL, a carpet bag, a canvas bag and other articles, property of Wm Spearman. The offender is 50 yrs old, 5'10" high, stout build, small grey whiskers, very large hands and bandy legs, stutters.

Arrived VDL by 'Sarah' has been a coach driver there for past 20 yrs.

Supposed to have come to Melb. by 'Black Swan' on 15th inst. accompanied by Mrs Spearman, a short woman with sallow complexion, black hair and prominent teeth, maiden name Mary Ann Harris. Wells is since ascertained to have left for Sydney on 18th. Mr Spearman offers 20 pounds for his apprehension. 14.2.1861. Wells arrested at Sydney.



# Notes

## Calling Murphys

Patricia Murphy is compiling a manuscript of all those who arrived in Australia by the name of Murphy. All states are represented and work is in progress. She would appreciate help in recording all births, deaths and marriages of Murphys in Tasmania.

Anyone interested please write to her C/- 23 Lloyd St, Belmont, Vic. 3216, or ring Irene Schaffer 310959.

## Devonport Branch Journal Survey

We were very pleased to receive from Pat Haigh our Devonport Branch journal representative, the results of a questionnaire which the Branch had circulated to its members. We realise that a lot of thought and effort has gone into producing this, and appreciate it very much.

All the members of the journal panel have studied it with interest, and we were impressed by the perceptive and helpful comments.

Our most popular articles in the six-month period under review (March 1985-September 1986) were Conservation of Historic Records and How to Preserve Family Photographs (reprinted by kind permission of the Society of Australian Genealogists). These rated 76% and were followed by Absolute Beginners (June 1986) and Tasmanian Land Records (March 1986). Members' Queries rated highly and the least popular item was New Members (74% found it of no interest). One respondent felt too much information was aimed at filling the journal.

Open-ended questions about readers preferences for articles resulted in the following comments (a selection);

- . general information - what is found where
- . procedure, techniques that people have found useful
- . more shipping information
- . any articles with surnames and places of origin
- . Absolute Beginners - would like same for English, Irish and Scottish research beginners
- . it would be interesting to know what obstacles some members may have come across in tracing their history. Maybe there are some sad tales or funny ones to be told
- . members' problems and suggestions about how they may be solved
- . local history of North West Coast (over to you! We'd love to publish it if you write it! Ed)

Other requests were for convict history, articles on ships and shipping, and early Tasmanian pioneers, and for classic articles such as Land Record and Catholic Archives (University of Tasmania, March 1985), to be printed in A4 as separate publications. There was also a request for information

## NOTES

A STRAY : Bertie Richard KERR, born in Hobart, Tasmania, to William Kerr and Susan (nee CLARKE) (RGD1175 in 1892) is buried in St John's Churchyard in Sutton Veny, Wiltshire, England. He died on 7 Nov 1958 aged 66 a First World War veteran.

(Information given to Susan Barter by a Wiltshire correspondent).

THE GARRISON CHURCH, Holy Trinity Church, Argyle Place, Miller's Point, Sydney: The Rector and Parish Council of Holy Trinity request the pleasure of the company of all interested persons at the following services:  
Sunday, 2nd August 1987 at 10.30 am:- Service commemorating the early British Regiments  
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## CLAN MACLEAN ASSOCIATION

The Secretary, Mrs Heather Kruger writes to advise us of the establishment in 1983 of the first branch of this association in Australia.

At this time we have 150 odd members throughout Australia and one member from Japan and another from New Zealand.

We welcome any relevant family history information for our archives, from persons and descendants of those bearing the surname Maclean, McLean, etc or any of the Sept names as listed. Alternative spelling for all names is accepted.

Where possible we will endeavour to help anyone seeking information, or with genealogical enquiries.

Further information from Mrs Kruger, 4 Westacott St, Hamilton, Vic. 3300.  
(Ph 055-722061)

### Who may join?

Persons bearing surnames (by birth or marriage): BEATH, BEATON, BLACK, GILLIAN, GILLEAN, GILZEAN, LEAN, MACBEATH, MACBETH, McFADYEN, MacCORMICK, MacFADZEAN, MacGILVRA, MacILDUY, MacILVERA, MacLERGAIN, MacRANKIN, MacVEY, MacVEAGH, PEDIN, RANKIN. Alternative spelling is accepted. Descendants down to the 4th generation are eligible. Ordinary members (3 yrs) \$15. Copies of 'Highlander' magazine available from Secretary for \$5 to interested persons/organisations, non-members or extra members copies.



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about overseas and Australian publications and availability .

We will continue to use the survey as a useful check list. There is nothing we like better than publish an article full of helpful information, but they are not easily come by. Since the survey, there has been a helpful one on Scottish research by Anntionette Ralston and we would be delighted to have offers from some of our readers for others.

It is also evident that people enjoy personal explanations about how to seek information or solve problems. Personal experience has a freshness and relevance that readers appreciate.

We are very lucky in receiving a large number of unsolicited contributions. Naturally not all of these are suitable, given constraints of space, and we try to select those of general rather than specific interest. However, we appreciate them being sent to us all the same!

It is a sign of a healthy journal when there are too many contributions to be printed!



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